



# Codes of Safe Work Practices

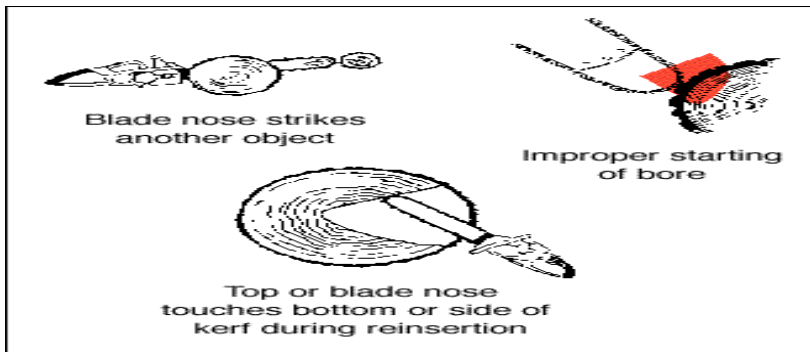
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## Chainsaws

1. Only employees that have been thoroughly trained on chain saws may use this piece of equipment. Training includes instruction on proper handling, cutting procedures, personal protective equipment, and maintenance.
2. Know your saw. Take time to read your owner's manual, learn your saw's capabilities and limitations, and maintain your saw for performance and safety. Even if you are an experienced operator you should review the owner's manual occasionally.
3. Use footwear with adequate ankle support and non-slip soles, snug fitting clothing and eye, hearing and head protection. Use slip-resistant gloves
4. Employees shall not use a chainsaw unless the buddy system is employed. One employee shall be watching over the employee using the chainsaw. Always have a first aid kit at the site and an employee trained in first aid/CPR present when a chainsaw is in use.
5. Before starting the engine, make sure the saw chain is not contacting any object. Set chain brake, if equipped. **Never** drop start the chainsaw!
6. Do not allow others near the chain saw when starting or cutting. Do not start cutting until you have a clear work area and secure footing.
7. Always hold the chain saw firmly with both hands when the engine is running. Keep your right hand on the throttle and left hand behind the front hand guard to keep body out of the place of the saw.
8. Do not operate a chain saw that is damaged, improperly adjusted or not completely and securely assembled. Be sure that the chain saw stops moving when the throttle control trigger is released.
9. To guard against kickback and help prevent back injuries, do not cut with the saw above chest level. Stand at a 45-degree angle from the cut in case of kickback.



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10. Chainsaw engines shall be stopped when carrying a distance greater than 100 feet, or in hazardous conditions such as slippery surfaces or heavy underbrush. Saws shall be at idle speed when carried short distances. When carrying the chainsaw, the muffler shall be pointed away from the body to avoid burns.
11. Do not remove safeguards such as tip protector and chain brake. Make sure they are in good working order.
12. Keep engine at low idle when brake is activated. Do not rev engine until chain brake is released. Engage and cut wood at full throttle.
13. Always shut off the engine before setting down the saw.
14. Use extreme caution when cutting small size brush and saplings because slender material may catch the chain saw and be whipped toward you or pull you off balance.
15. When cutting a limb that is under tension, be alert from spring back so you will not be struck when the tension is released.
16. Always cut with the saw to the right of your body. Never operate a chainsaw above shoulder height.
17. All chainsaws shall be equipped with a spark arrestor, when so required.
18. All electric chainsaws must be listed by Underwriters' Laboratories (UL).
19. Wearing jewelry such as rings, watches, neck chains and key chains on belts is prohibited while using a chainsaw.
20. Chaps shall be worn when using chain saws at ground level to do extensive cutting or when working in heavy brush, on uneven ground or in other dangerous situations.
21. Keep scabbard on when saw is not in use.



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22. Use the following precautions when handling fuel and refueling the chainsaw:

- a. Always store gasoline in an approved container
- b. Do not smoke while handling fuel.
- c. Always stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling the tank.
- d. Beware of static electricity and sparks between the saw and fuel cans.
- e. Avoid spilling fuel or oil. Spilled fuel should always be cleaned up and disposed of properly.
- f. Do not remove fuel tank cap when engine is running.
- g. Move the chain saw at least 10' from the fueling point before starting the engine.
- h. Keep the handles dry, clean, and free of oil and fuel.